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NORTHERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN | SEPTEMBER 2017

Articles for The Herald, Fall Issue Due October 16

Stories to Share

The Northern Ohio District Office will soon begin drafting the Fall Issue of The Herald. If you have an article you would like to contribute to The Herald, November 2017 Fall Issue, please send it to the District Office no later than October 16, 2017. Please keep your article between 150-200 words and provide a couple of pictures (digital preferably) to accompany the article if you like. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office 419-281-3058 or email julie@nohcob.org. Thank you!

Self-Allocation Packet

It is now possible to submit this information on-line

Each church received a Self-Allocation packet at District Conference or had it mailed to them shortly after. It is important for each church to complete and return this form. This can be sent by mail, or you fill out the information on-line at <http://www.brethren.org/stewardship/self-allocation.html>. It is very helpful to have this information as we work through the budgeting process for the District. With the action at District Conference, money from the Hottle Memorial fund has been freed up for use for the churches, the camp, and the district for active ministry now. We are working towards a balanced District budget that will be using less of the Hottle money now and be self-sustaining when the Hottle money is no longer available. And this depends on your self-allocations to the District. Please prayerfully consider your support to these important Outreach funds.

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District Prayer Calendar

September 3—September 9

Maple Grove CoB (Interim John Ballinger) and Marion CoB (Pastor Rick Hicks)

September 10—September 16

Mohican CoB (Pastor Paul Bartholomew and Associate Pastor Chad Palmer) and Mount Pleasant CoB (Pastor Bruce Jacobsen)

September 17—September 23

New Philadelphia CoB (Pastor Max Canfield) and North Bend CoB (Pastor Patrick Bailey)

September 24—September 30

Owl Creek CoB (Pastor Charles Barnhill) and Painesville CoB (Pastors John & Sondra Bocchieri)

October 1—October 7

Paradise CoB (Pastor Terry Vaught) and Pleasant View CoB (Interim Byron Hawbecker)

Mark Your Calendar

9/9—Buckeye Brethren Institute, History, Beliefs and Practices, District Office, Ashland, OH

9/16—Inspiration Hills Chicken BBQ, Burbank, OH

9/23—Buckeye Brethren Institute, History, Beliefs and Practices, District Office, Ashland, OH

9/23—Cedar Point (Senior High), Sandusky, OH

9/29-30—District Board Orientation and Meeting, Inspiration Hills, Burbank, OH

10/14—Buckeye Brethren Institute, Teaching and Learning in the Church, Ashland, OH

10/21—SISTERS Women's Fall Retreat, Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria, OH

Pastoral Placement

Congregations actively in the search process:

Ashland Dickey – *Tom Zuercher* has resigned as pastor effective August 2018. Search Committee formed and working on congregational profile.

Bethel – Congregational profile completed. *David Wyant* providing pulpit supply.

Brook Park – *Tom Michaels* serving as interim. Profile completed. Search Committee meeting to review pastoral profiles.

East Nimishillen – *Carolyn Kuryn* serving as interim. Search Committee completing profile.

Eden – *Wayne Scott* serving as interim. Search Committee in negotiations with pastoral candidate. Congregational call meeting scheduled.

Pleasant View – *Dr. Byron Hawbecker* serving as interim. Search Committee reviewing profiles.

Congregations that have chosen not to seek at this time:

Lake Breeze – *James Washington* serving as interim.

Lakewood – *Gene Wyse* serving as interim. Not actively seeking at this time.

Maple Grove – *John Ballinger* serving as interim.

Woodworth – *John Polanski* serving as interim.

Updated 09/01/17

2018 License Renewals, Approval for Employment

2018 License Renewals and Approval for Employment forms will be sent out via email to Licensed Ministers and Church Board Chairs. Please be sure to fill out your forms and return to the District Office no later than October 31, 2017. The Ministerial Commission will be reviewing renewals and presenting them to the District Board the beginning of November. Thank you!

Marriage Retreat Presented by Mount Pleasant CoB

Friday October 27, 2017, 6:00pm—9:30pm

Saturday October 28, 2017, 9:00am—4:00pm

At the Amish Door in Wilmot, Ohio

Please join us for a wonderful weekend designed to be a special time to renew and refocus your marriage on the heart of God's design. The Art of Marriage event includes interactive projects and DVD sessions that feature biblically-centered teaching from over 40 ministry leaders and testimonials from everyday couples, who share their stories of pain, loss, forgiveness, and grace. A financial gift has been made that will cover the cost of the retreat materials and venue, so couples will only need to pay for their lodging!! The cost to stay overnight at The Inn at

SISTERS 2017 Fall Retreat

October 21, 2017, 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria, Ohio

Theme: "SOS" Service Oriented Sisters

SISTERS in Christ, mark your calendar and plan to attend the SISTERS' Fall 2017 Retreat on October 21, 2017. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch. You may register by mail, by phone or email, or online at <http://www.nohcob.org/sisters>. For more information contact Billi Janet Burkey, 330-418-1148 or sistersnorthernohio@gmail.com.

Youth Cabinet Team

The Fellowship Commission of the Northern Ohio District, together with Esther Harsh our District Youth Coordinator, is rebuilding the Youth Cabinet Team. We would like for Pastors and church leaders to be in prayer as we seek youth (grades 9-12) in the congregations who the spiritual gifts to serve these positions. More information and nomination forms will be available on the District web site. If you have questions, please contact Billi Janet Burkey at 330-418-1148.

the art of 
marriage[®]
getting to the heart of God's design

Amish Door is \$150. We hope that you can join us!! See attached flyer for more information and registration form. Link: www.nohcob.org/retreat

If I cannot find the face of Jesus in the face of those whom I regard as enemies, if I cannot find him in the unbeautiful and damaged, if I cannot find him in those who have the "wrong ideas," if I cannot find him in the poor and the defeated, then how will I find him in bread and wine or in the life after death? If I do not reach out in this world to those with whom he has identified, why do I imagine that I will want to be with him, and them, in heaven? Why would I want to be for all eternity in the company of those I avoided every day of my life?

Jim Forrest Source: *Loving Our Enemies: Reflections on the Hardest Commandment*

2018 Clergy-Spouse Retreat Save this date!

Our District Clergy-Spouse retreat will be held February 18th-20th at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg (Toledo area). This is a time for relationship-building, renewal, learning, and rest. The food and facilities are great, but the fellowship is even greater! Andy and Laura Hamilton will provided leadership for this event. Single and married clergy and their spouses are encouraged to attend. More information to follow.

FALL AREA CLERGY MEETINGS

As I have travelled the District, one of the things I have heard from clergy is the desire to have more opportunities for fellowship with each other...providing and receiving support, encouragement, and inspiration. One of the things I have felt is a deep calling to pray together...for our churches, our communities, our district, our denomination, and our world.

These two things have guided the planning of our Fall Area Clergy Meetings (see schedule below). There will be a short time set aside to hear about what is going on in the district/denomination and provide feedback. But the bulk of our time will be praying together and spending time in fellowship with each other.

I hope that this time will allow pastors new to ministry and new to our District to develop connections, and to establish deeper relationships among those who already know each other. And we need to be in prayer together – the strength, focus, power, and transformation that is needed will not come from within ourselves!

There will be no CEU's offered for this time. I know this is risky...but in talking with the Ministerial Commission and those that attended last year's Fall Area Clergy meetings in this same format there was affirmation that the opportunity to pray and fellowship together provides a reward even richer than CEU credits! I encourage you to use the workshop offered by Jonah's People Fellowship and Good Shepherd Home on "Demystifying Clergy Taxes" on September 28th as your fall CEU opportunity (see attached flyer).

Please plan on sharing in one of these times. Renewal, rest, refreshment, and revival can come as we wait upon the Lord together. Praying for you all in the love of Christ, Kris Hawk.

Looking ahead: The Spring Area Clergy meetings will continue opportunity for fellowship as well as CEU's on a specific ministry topic yet to be determined. If you have ideas of subjects to cover, please contact me at krishawk@nohcob.org or 330-612-2086.

Date	Time	Location
Thurs. 10/26	9:30 – 11:30	(Western Area)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Western Area)
Tues. 10/31	9:30 – 11:30	(Eastern Area)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Eastern Area)
Thurs. 11/2	9:30 – 11:30	(Central Area)
	6:30 – 8:30	(Central Area)

District Office Staff Schedule

District Executive Kris Hawk takes Wednesday as her day off. She can be reached at 330-612-2086 or krishawk@nohcob.org

Administrative Secretary, Julie Watson is in the office Monday through Friday, 9 am—3 pm. She can be reached at 419-281-3058 or julie@nohcob.org

Youth Coordinator, Esther Harsh is in the office on Mondays. She can be reached at 330-880-7161 or esther@nohcob.org

Attachments

- Youth Day at Cedar Point
- Marriage Retreat Flyer
- Good Shepherd Home CEU Flyer
- Springs of Living Water Academy
- Brethren Academy Brochure
- Hurricane Harvey Relief Update
- SISTERS Save the Dates
- Church Bulletin Insert